

## REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

- 1) Claims 1 to 6, 8, 9 and 11 to 16;
- 2) Claims 7 and 17; and
- 3) Claims 10 and 18 to 23.

In addition, the Office Action indicates that the application includes claims directed to the following species: (a) a stent substrate; and (b) surface acoustic wave sensors.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the claims of Group I. Of these claims, Applicant elects the species directed to a stent substrate. Applicant maintains that claims 1 to 4, 8, 9 and 11 to 16 are covered by the foregoing elected group and species.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

## FEES

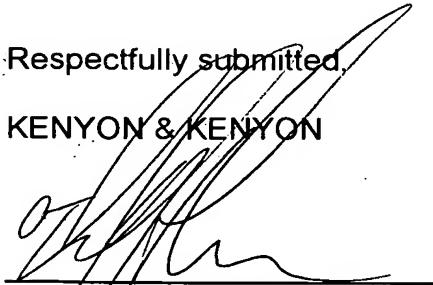
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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